
THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Up!!!

Sept. 28: Jessica Van Dyke, Tennessee Innocence Project

Oct. 5: Board of Directors, 11 a.m.

Oct. 5: Club Assembly, Julie Tryukhan & Kids

Oct. 12: Mark Grenier, Top Golf GM

Oct. 12: Purple Pinkie Donut Day for Polio

Oct. 19: Tom Mattingly, Historian

(All meetings begin at 12:15 unless noted otherwise)

Jessica Van Dyke Of the Tennessee Innocence Project Speaks Wednesday

Innocent or guilty? That can be a sticky issue and often is. On Wednesday we will be hearing from **Jessica Van Dyke**, a University of Tennessee law graduate who is the founder of the Tennessee Innocence Project. It is the first full-time innocence organization in the state representing men and women making claims of actual innocence. She serves as the project's Executive Director and Lead Counsel.



The Tennessee Innocence Project, based in Nashville, has three primary areas of

focus:

1. Investigating and litigating actual innocence claims for those in Tennessee prisons to obtain exonerations.
2. Training law students and attorneys about how to litigate these cases and how to prevent future wrongful convictions.

3. Effectuating changes that facilitate the discovery of wrongful convictions and remedies to the wrongfully convicted.

While at UT she cut her teeth on post-conviction work in the school's Wrongful Convictions Clinic and has remained passionate about wrongful convictions. So, After eight years at the law firm of Parker Lawrence Cantrell & Smith, she left in 2019 to help launch the Tennessee Innocence Project.

She is a graduate of Knox College in Galesburg, ILL and earned a Master's degree from Vanderbilt University.

She has served on the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Board of Directors, including serving for several years as the organization's indigent defense chair. She has been the recipient of TACDL's Workhouse Award and the Robert W. Ritchie Service Award. She is a member of the Nashville Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Lawyer's Job for Knoxville Chamber: Recruit Business, Add Jobs, Higher Pay



Doug Lawyer's not a lawyer, but his "testimony" before the Rotary Club of Farragut Wednesday was interesting and compelling in his real job as Vice President of Economic Development for the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. He spoke to a full house of Rotarians at Fox Den Country Club and felt at home since he's a member of the Rotary Club of Knoxville.

Lawyer has a big job of leading the chamber's efforts to recruit new businesses, jobs, and bring capital investments into the Innovation Valley region. He also oversees the regional economic development effort for the greater Knoxville area. Big and important job.

He and our community have hurdles and challenges. “The average salary in Knoxville/Knox County is \$57,000 and that ranks fourth in the state behind Davidson, Shelby and Hamilton counties,” he said. “And right now you need to be making at least \$81,000 to afford to buy a house here. We have to attract better talent for our companies and get our wages up.”

He mentioned the year 2030 and expects the continued move to automation in the business sector to lead to Knox County losing 82,000 jobs by then – which means the work done between now and then needs to be focused on expansion, great jobs with increased wages and business diversity as this challenge approaches.

He added this: “We have three fairly new companies that are here and making a difference.”

- Kelvion, which has invested \$3.8 million here, employs 74 and is a leading global manufacturer of heat exchangers.
- IGT Solutions provides integrated business process management, technology and digital services & solutions for clients across industries. It employs 200 here.
- ATC Drivetrain, a leading independent global remanufacturer of drivetrain and powertrain systems, is opening a manufacturing facility in Knoxville. ATC Drivetrain is investing \$8.3 million towards its new facility in the Forks of the River industrial Park and will employ more than 200.

Another local success story, he said, is Axle Logistics, a third-party logistics company co-founded by University of Tennessee graduates Jon Clay and Drew Johnson and headquartered here. They are expanding on the 10th floor of the Langley Building in downtown Knoxville on Summit Hill Drive and currently employ around 200. Axle provides logistics services to trucking companies, intermodal, and warehousing help to customers throughout the continental U.S., Canada, and Mexico.



Today's Humor: Signs of the Times

No one shared any humor on Wednesday, but the guys from a general store over in Humorville passed along these signs they've seen. Enjoy!!!

- In a veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit. Stay."
- On an electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."
- On a plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."

Cheers from Humorville!!!

The Visitors' Report

It was light day for visitors Wednesday — two young ladies and a fixture at our meetings.



- Tory Kinson introduced his daughter, **Valerie**, who we will sponsor as an outbound Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student next school year. She's trying to decide where she wants to go — Japan,

Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, or Italy. Valerie is a senior at Bearden High School. They are pictured here.

Four-Way Test

Rotary's Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Find Us On Facebook

If you have not visited our Facebook page, give it a try!

Stephanie Markowitz does a great job of keeping the page updated. If you have not visited our page, we invite you to do so and to also **LIKE** the page!

Here is a [LINK](#) to our page.

- **Melissa Mijares** was the guest of Secretary Sonya Ford. Melissa is a Wealth Advisor at TVAMP — Tennessee Valley Asset Management Partners. They are pictured here as well.

That guest who is a fixture at our meetings is **Tammy Cheek** of the Farragut Press.



The Purple Pinkie Project: Dunkin' Donuts for End Polio Now!

Just what is this “**Purple Pinkie’ Donut Project**” you ask?

On Tuesday, October 12th, it will be District 6780’s early celebration of World Polio Day as Dunkin’ Donut locations in Tennessee are partnering with Rotary District 6760 to host a fundraising event for End Polio Now!



For every \$2.50 donated to End Polio Now! at a participating Dunkin’ location, guests will receive a Purple Pinkie Donut — a glazed donut stick, topped with a dab of purple icing — as a thank you. Through generous matching funds from Rotary districts and

The Gates Foundation each \$2.50 donation becomes a total donation of \$18.75 to help eradicate polio.

The success of the program is driven by Rotarians who pre-order 10-count boxes of “Pinkies” for a \$25 donation per box. The Purple Pinkie Donut Project has generated more than \$1.4 million in donations to End Polio Now! last year.

Pre-order 10-count boxes of Purple Pinkie Donuts at this [LINK](#). The deadline to order is Wednesday Oct. 5.

Our club has been a big supporter of this great project. Place orders to share donuts with your co-workers at your business or for your family and friends. Buy the donuts and deliver them to non-profits, law enforcement or fire/ambulance first responders.

If you'd like more information, click on this [LINK](#) to see all of the details on the Dist. 6780 Home page.

‘Miles for Miracles’ Project Plans Evolving

The upcoming project of **PP Ron Lawrence** riding his green John Deere tractor to raise money for East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH) now has a name — **“Miles for Miracles.”** Ron

Members off our club, led by **Service Projects Co-Chair Scott Bertini**, are working with ETCH staff and radio stations 103.5 WIMZ and 94.3 JACKFM to finalize the official logistics of the route Ron will take as well as the exact dates. “The route will look a bit different than originally planned in order to cover as much of our Rotary Dist. 6780 district as possible, but to also stay within both ETCH's service area and the radio stations' coverage area,” Bertini said after a very productive meeting on Friday.

Overall, Bertini says that we're hoping to plot a course that will be the equivalent mileage of Ron's original wish to travel “across Tennessee.” The station is excited and familiar with promoting a similar concept when one of its staff members drove a Cub Cadet mower up to Bristol as a fundraiser.

“We're also working on the specific dates in early November in order to ideally let Ron finish his ride in Knoxville with a big welcome at the hospital (working around things like football games, Veterans' Day, and ETCH's other big fundraising project that starts in November (Fantasy of Trees),” Bertini added.

During the Friday meeting there was discussion about a name for this and someone mentioned “Miles for Miracles” which everyone really liked. ETCH has offered to have a staff who does design come up with a logo that will incorporate a tractor shape/ colors and the Rotary logo. They are also going to do the banners for the trailer behind the tractor.

This project is already rolling along!

Our Family of Rotary Updates

Judith Bradbury is improving. Here is her report today: "I'm OK, still trying to catch up on PT but it's coming! I need to focus on knee flexing and leg stretching in PT and try to reduce walking and standing, which is causing pain and swelling. Especially good news was: 1) surgery looks good — new bones fitting together well and no infection problems; 2) Fantastic! Good knee looks pretty good. The surgeon doesn't think I'll need surgery on that one for at least 5 years. So I have plenty of time to gallivant around the world for a while. After five years I may be happy to sit in a rocker on the front porch and cut back on the gallivanting!"



Bettye Sisco at was Duke Medical Center this week and got a great report. "I'm doing great in the clinical trial and the targeted pill for my type of leukemia is working." Her white cell count was down to 47 from a high of 130. Bettye has type CCL leukemia (chronic lymphatic leukemia). "They are real happy to have me on this team that they are studying at Duke," Bettye said. So next month she begins her second round of treatment in the clinical trial.

Continued prayers for one and all!!!!

Today's Medical Moment



Dr. Charlie Barnett says that Google tells him that approximately 5,000 medical articles are published each day. Some articles are groundbreaking. Some are filed under "You can't make this stuff up!" Two such articles got my attention this week:

"First, there's this: "Prune juice improves hard stool and relieves chronic constipation." This was in The American Journal of Gastroenterology, August 12, 2022. Not only that, but it showed that incomplete evacuation and flatulence scores also decreased.

Wonder how they measure that? I eagerly await the government funded study that documents that the sky is blue.

Next, we pass this along: "FDA warns not to cook chicken in Nyquil". If you'd like to read the details, here's a [LINK](#) to this FDA article. You will not believe this!!

News & Notes

HVA Interact at Work; The Auction; & More

PP Leah Berry tells us that the **Hardin Valley Academy (HVA) Interact Club** had its first service project earlier this week. A large group of their members spent half of Wednesday (Sept. 21) picking up trash from around the school grounds. This was on the heels of a successful second meeting where they had over 60 members in attendance, Leah said. And she added: “They are anxious to join our club on a joint service project!” Pictured here with a big bag of trash are Interact members Sterling Ross and Olivia Schippers.



Julie Blaylock has been busy lately. Why? Because on Thursday evening the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s biggest event — “**The Auction**” — will be held at The Venue in Lenoir City. **The Charity Gala & Dinner Affair** will begin at 6 p.m. and a boatload of our members will be there. So will many others. Julie, the chamber’s CEO, says they are completely sold out for the evening. This year 20% of all ticket and auction item sales will go to benefit Remote Area Medical (RAM). The money raised will specifically fund RAM's Knoxville clinic, which will take place on Jan. 13-15, 2023, at the Jacob Building.

FARRAGUT CENTER **BLOCK PARTY**

HOSTED BY:



Meet your fellow businesses on the block
and get your **FREE FLU SHOT**
while you're here.

Wednesday, October 19th 8:30 - 9:30am.
Drop in anytime.

Sign up using the QR code
to let us know if you can come.

RSVP by: 10/14



Scott Brockamp is having a “**Flu Shot Block Party**” at his His Security & Technology office on Wednesday October 19th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. “I wanted to extend the offer to our club to get their shots,” he said. Scott has a great flyer for this event and there is a QR code on it and you simply need to scan the QR code and fill out the form if somebody would like to attend and participate in getting a flu shot. His office is at 11426 Kingston Pike across from The Fresh Market.

Scott Brockamp's "**Real Men Wear Pink of Knoxville**" fundraiser for the American Cancer Society is going strong. His goal is \$100,000 and he's already raised \$32,000. Here is a [LINK](#) to his Facebook page. "This year Cancer has impacted my life dramatically! My father is fighting Stage 2 throat cancer and one of my most dedicated employees is fighting lung cancer," he said. "I am absolutely grateful that both are fighting strong and doing well through their treatments....but no matter who you are, when someone has to tell you they have cancer, it scares the hell out of you and really makes you understand the value of the relationships you have."

Slumping Sleuths: New Clues May Help

September's Mystery Rotarian is stumping the sleuths! So far it's no contest. Perhaps these new clues will prove to be useful for one and all.

- Our Rotarian's grandfather was the sheriff who stood on the field with Coach Bear Bryant and walked with him everywhere providing security for the late legendary Alabama football coach.
- When our Rotarian was 11, one of their first music concerts was an Elvis Presley concert. "Not only that, he died on my sister's birthday," they said.
- Was "presented" with their only speeding ticket while driving in Georgia by the Georgia Highway Patrol. No information provided on the speed and amount of the fine. "It was too long ago! But I was going pretty fast."
- Interestingly, their first car was a gold 1977 Chevy Monte Carlo V-8. Zoom!!!



The first Rotarian to ID our Mystery Rotarian wins a bottle of fine wine from the Taylor family at **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor**. If you have a guess, email it to [TOM KING](#) and let's see if you can solve our mystery

A Thought for Our Week

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us...at age 40, we don't care what they think of us...at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." — the late **Ann Landers**